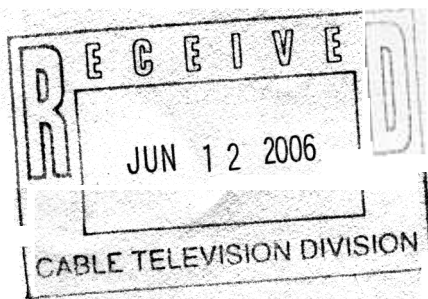




Town of Sturbridge

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June 8, 2006

Andrea Nixon, Clerk
Cable Television Division
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02111

Dear Ms. Nixon:

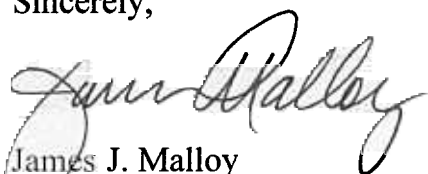
Please accept this letter as the Town of Sturbridge's opposition to Verizon's March 16, 2006 rulemaking petition filed with the Cable Division of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy.

Sturbridge opposes this petition for several reasons, including the unreasonable timeframe included in the petition, but also because the applicant is seeking a licensing process that does not ensure that residents are treated fairly and that the services are provided to all residents, not just a select few.

The system that has been in place for many years ensures that a community's interests are served in a manner that encourages a private cable company to make significant investments in a community.

This proposed rulemaking circumvents these interests and we urge the DTE to reject the Verizon petition.

Sincerely,


James J. Malloy
Town Administrator